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MOTION NO.

A MOTION relating to the application of the Northern Tier Pipeline Company to construct a crude oil pipeline across Washington State, including King County; authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to intervene on behalf of King County in the proceedings before the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council relating to said application.

WHEREAS, WAC 463-08-025 grants the right of intervention in proceedings before the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council where the intervenor claims a pertinent interest in the proposed site, the subject of the application; where the intervenor is so situated that the disposition of the site application may as a practical matter impair or impede its ability to protect such interest; and where the intervenor's interest is not adequately represented by existing parties including counsel for the environment, and

WHEREAS, WAC 463-08-030 grants to any person or entity accepted by the council as an intervenor full procedural rights to protect their interests in any and all proceedings before the council, including the right to submit briefs to the council; the right to be served with all orders and decisions entered by the council and the governor in the application process; and the right to file a petition for rehearing, and

WHEREAS, King County has a pertinent governmental interest in the subject application, in that the proposed pipeline would follow a 45-mile corridor through the county, primarily over land zoned F-R (Forestery-Recreation), A (Agricultural) and G (General and would pass over river and stream systems within the jurisdict ion of the County's shoreline management and other regulatory programs, and it is in the county's interest to insure that the pipeline complies with these and all other applicable land use, environmental and health regulations of the county, and,

WHEREAS, King County has a pertinent governmental interest in the subject application to assure that crude oil is transported within the boundaries of the State of Washington in a manner which offers maximum protection to the waters and natural resources of Puget Sound, which resources are of great value to the citizens of King County and the State of Washington, and WHEREAS, King County is currently not represented as a party in the proceedings before the site evaluation council and

no current party, including the Counsel for the environment, will adequately represent the interest of the County in this matter, and

WHEREAS, formal intervention by King County in the Northern Tier Pipeline and related proceedings is therefore necessary to protect the important interests of the County at stake through exercise of the full procedural rights granted by WAC 463-08-030 to a party intervenor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County: That the Prosecuting Attorney, as the legal representative of King County, is directed to petition for intervention in the matter of the Northern Tier Pipeline and any related proceedings. and if that intervention is granted the Prosecuting Attorney should, with the assistance of the appropriate King County officials and departments, participate in such proceedings as is necessary to protect the aforementioned pertinent interests of King County, PROVIDED, that the Prosecuting Attorney shall keep the Council fully informed of the progress of such participation and of major developments in such proceedings through periodic reports to the Council.

1374 day of DECEMBER, 1976. PASSED this

King County Council
King County, Washington

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